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Florida Forever Back Country Horsemen, Inc.
Preserving our equine cultural heritage on public lands for today and tomorrow.

FFBCH NEWS

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Florida Forever Back Country Horsemen Supports Amendment One!



Join the campaign to protect Florida's waters & natural areas for future generations, before they are gone forever.

A vote YES on One is a vote for current and future generations! This amendment is expected to raise \$10 billion over its 25-year life. No increase in taxes - 1/3 of fees collected on real property transactions will fund this amendment. Very similar to Florida Forever and Preservation 2000 which purchased thousands of acres of land throughout Florida, which we all enjoy today. Visit voteyeson1fl.org for details!

It is important for us all to vote YES on ONE!

Back Country Horsemen of Florida Announces the First Annual State Meeting!

Saturday, February 7 at Tillis Hills

The campground and stalls have been reserved for February 6 and February 7 - contact Mary Lou Patton at 352-799-9272 or mamma_lu@yahoo.com for camping reservations during this event.

More details coming soon.

Don't forget our next meeting is October 23, 2014

Sonny's Bar B Q - Inverness

Dinner 5:30 - 7:00 Business Meeting begins at 7:00

We've got lots to discuss and we hope you will join us.

Things to be thinking about - bring your suggestions to the next meeting!

Or send your comments and suggestions to ffbch.org@gmail.com!

Inverness Christmas Parade

Liability issues will prohibit us from having horseback riders in the parade. However, do we want to participate in some other format? Truck with banner, a flat-bed with hay bales and decorations conforming to the selected theme? No participation?

Christmas Meeting

When and Where? Do you want a speaker or strictly social?

FFBCH Annual Meeting - February 28, 2014

We want to change things up this year and would really like to hear your suggestions. Cookout, pot luck (like usual) or something different. No silent auction this year, just friends and fun.

Reservations have been made for the Dining Hall and Pavilion at Tillis Hill.

If you want to camp that weekend, please contact Eddie Duval at Tillis Hill - 352.344-4238.

Mark Your Calendars!

The Second FFBCH Resale Event is scheduled for
Saturday, November 15!

Pass this information along to your friends!

We need both vendors and volunteers! Got tack, clothes, crafts, jewelry, specialty foods or items you no longer use? What a great opportunity to make a little money. Sale spaces are still at a very reasonable \$10 for a 10x10 space. Bring your own table(s).

You can pre-register now! No obligation, save time and shorten lines the day of the sale. Get added to the email list for updates and other information.

Want to be absolutely guaranteed a space? Have a location preference? We will accept a non-refundable prepayment to hold your space!
Contact: Sally McDavid at 352.628.2973 (before 8 pm please!)

The sale will be held INSIDE the beautiful Crystal River Mall - just like last time!

!!! Fully Air Conditioned & Heated !!!
!!! No Weather Woes !!!

No need to worry about the weather - Rain or Shine - Hot or Cold—It is all INSIDE!



September 2014 General Meeting 9/25/14
Olive Garden – Inverness

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM

Guests and New members: Liz Sterling and Bob Pease; Terry Cormier, Sue Jamison and Jack Evans, Andy Cordill, and Sally Hardy.

Motion to approve the August meeting minutes by Dorothy Michel. 2nd by Calvin McDavid. Group approved.

Gary Reynolds gave treasurer's report. Motion to approve by Fred Fulcher. 2nd by Larry Fowler. Group approved.

Connie Cordill handed out flyers for the VFW Annual Horse Festival which will be Saturday October 25 at the VFW Veterans Village.

Sue Jamison won the 50/50 drawing.

Resale Event Update – Scheduled for November 15. 9 spaces have been reserved already. Dorothy Michel volunteered to hand out flyers at the Ocala Tack Shack on Saturday.

Sally is asking for input and suggestions for our new web site. Tom Allen thought it looked good. Al Kline mentioned that there was no link to BCHFL or NCBCH. Sally will take care of that. Please e-mail her with any other suggestions.

Several members have been out working on the trails. Please let Fred Fulcher know if you see anything that needs attention on the trails.

Discussion about a possible State BCH meeting. A few months ago at one of the Board meetings, Janet Day suggested that maybe the State Organization should host a meeting annually that includes the Chapters. She said that other states do this, giving Michigan and Wyoming as examples. Sally asked for input on what everyone thought of this idea. Our group has already reserved the Tillis Hill Pavilion February 28 for our own group celebration. If anyone wants to camp, they need to make reservations asap. As we get closer, we will have a committee work on what we want to do. If there is a State Meeting, it will be on a different date. Tom Allen thought it would be a good idea to move forward with our own event plus have a separate State event. Al Kline thought it was a good idea to remain close to the other Chapter since they originally came from us. Updates on this topic will be coming in the near future.

Al Kline presented the idea of approaching the land managers of the St. Martins Marsh Aquatic Preserve to investigate the possibility of allowing horseback riding on this property. Currently there is a 7 mile lime rock hiking loop. Al will follow up with the new manager to see if this might be a possibility. There was some discussion on footing and if it was suitable for horses. Sally suggested we might need to do a drive around to see if it's truly rideable.

Angie Rushton suggested that we might want to consider doing the Inverness Christmas Parade. It would be great publicity. Angie will get more details about the Parade, like length, time and date and what is this year's theme. She will report back at the October meeting.

Suggestions for future speakers. Equine Chiropractor? E-mail Tom with the name of Equine Chiropractors.

Membership dues: We have decided to leave our dues at \$20/\$25 for 2015.

Fred Fulcher mentioned that it was difficult to hear at this meeting location and could we try another place? October will be at Sonny's BBQ and November will be at Old World. We will try Angelotti's again and try to move away from the side that the kitchen is on.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM



Want to help? Can't find the time to work on the trails? Can't always make the meetings? That doesn't matter! You can show your support by joining Florida Forever Back Country Horsemen (FFBCH). Individual memberships = \$20 and Family memberships = \$25. Or, make a donation!

Every member of a local chapter is automatically a member of the Back Country Horsemen of Florida AND Back Country Horsemen of America. Not in the Citrus County area? Then join Back Country Horsemen of Florida as an at-large member until a local chapter is developed in your area. Don't forget Nature Coast Back Country Horsemen serving Hernando, west Sumter and northeast Pasco Counties.

There are many issues facing equestrians today. Help us to preserve the trails we have. Add your voice to those of more than 15,000 of your fellow American horsemen and women. **You only have to look at the Croom and the Citrus Tract of the Withlacoochee Forest as an example of what can be accomplished when we work together and with our land managers!**



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